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below level of town proper, and just on outskirts; quite alkaline, but not injurious to health, as seen by constant use in barracks and prison.

Mortality.—For 1901, 59; for 1902, 60; for December, 1902, 18; for January, 1903, 3.

Deaths.—December 1, general tuberculosis; December 3, senility; December 5, remittent fever (most suspicious of plague); cerebral congestion; December 6, remittent fever (most suspicious of plague); December 7, pneumonia (no medical attention); December 8, acute hepatitis; cerebro-spinal meningitis (suspicious case; I took organs to Los Angeles and inoculated rat with spleen; death with much glandular enlargements in two and one-half days, but microscopically nothing found but coli communis); December 9, Bright's disease; December 10, cerebro-spinal meningitis; December 12, pneumonia; December 14, hypertrophy of heart; December 16, remittent fever (the case of Felis Regelado, proved by Dr. Grubbs to be plague); December 17, pneumonia (no medical attention); December 25, senility (aged 102 years, no attention, death in four days, very suspicious of plague); December 25, acute adenitis (undoubtedly plague); December 27, remittent fever; December 31, pulmonary phthisis. January 2, hemiplegia; January 9, acute adenitis (undoubtedly plague); January 14, œdema of larynx. None since.

Suspicious cases were not confined to any one locality, but as many in best part of town as in worst. Comparatively little sickness in town at present, only severe case being a child with pneumonia. The Mexican authorities seem to be doing all they can to better hygienic conditions, and with the help of the extremely dry weather and the removal of steamers from the southern ports, the chances that Ensenada will escape an epidemic are quite favorable.

Respectfully, E. B. ALEXANDER,
Sanitary Inspector.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

[Telegram.]

GUAYMAS, MEXICO, *February 5, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington, D. C.:*

Cordon north boundary Sinaloa off. Am told those leaving by land detained outside Mazatlan. Shipment salt hides from Mazatlan for United States due here may be refused or will get sulphur disinfection.

GRUBBS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon.

Plague spreading at Mazatlan.

Consul Kaiser reports from Mazatlan, January 5, that plague is spreading rapidly, notwithstanding that the authorities isolate every case as soon as sickness is declared. The cases are removed to adjoining islands. Every precaution is taken to prevent spread of the disease.